

POOL-ROOMS MAY REOPEN
UNDER A LEGAL DECISION. GIANTS WIN TWO GAMES
FROM CHAMPION PIRATES.

Indictments Dismissed To-Day Because Statute Has Contradictory Provisions—Pool-selling Designated as Two Offenses, So Levien and Stedeker Go Free—May Resume Pool-selling.

A decision that will, in the opinion of Attorney Benjamin Steinhart, render possible wide-open pool-rooms in the City of New York, was handed down by Justice Foster, of the Court of General Sessions, to-day in sustaining a demurrer to the indictment of Ed Levien and Leon Stedeker for keeping a pool-room.

Levien and Stedeker owned the Parole Club at No. 20 Dey street, raided by District-Attorney Philbin and the present District-Attorney on Feb. 19, 1901. It was in this raid that Maurice Heflich was caught looking for his "wayward son."

Indictments Were Secured. When Stedeker and Levien were arrested they gave their case to Mr. Steinhart. He fought it by every known method, but indictments were finally secured. Then he demurred to the indictments on grounds of law never before raised in a case of this character.

He argued in the first place that the law prohibiting the making of books in a pool-room was unconstitutional inasmuch as it was against public policy because it prohibits men from doing a thing in one place that they are allowed to do in another—that is that betting on horse races is prohibited in pool-rooms but allowed on the race tracks.

Two Penalties for One Crime. He argued against the constitutionality of the law on the point that two separate penalties are provided for the

offense in the Penal Code. Section No. 351, under which the indictments of Stedeker and Levien were found, provides that the offense of bookmaking is a felony "except where another penalty is provided by law." And section No. 353 provides that bookmaking is a misdemeanor.

Demurrer Is Sustained. In supporting these points Mr. Steinhart argued for hours before Justice Foster, who appeared to be greatly impressed with the contentions of the lawyer. After careful consideration the opinion on the demurrer was handed down to-day and it is sustained. "The questions of law presented by the demurrer herein," says the court, "are so interesting and important that they should be passed upon by the Appellate Division for the future guidance of this court."

That the questions of law may be so presented, untroubled with questions of fact, and be speedily determined, seems to require me to sustain the demurrer herein. "If overruled, no appeal will arise."

It is guarded "as to Precedent." After the original opinion had been written Justice Foster held a conference with the District-Attorney. Then he wrote a postscript to the opinion, which is as follows:

"After a conference with officials of the District-Attorney's office, and with their approval, it has been determined to allow the demurrer filed herein, but pro forma and without making such action a precedent."

Mr. Steinhart said that the action of the court was just what he expected. He added that he was certain the Appellate Division would sustain Justice Foster.

"This is done," said Mr. Steinhart, "there will be nothing to prevent men from betting on the races right here in the heart of Manhattan as freely as they do at the race tracks in Brooklyn."

NEW YORK GAMBLERS ARE
FINED AT LONG BRANCH.

FREEMAN, N. J., Sept. 8.—The men arrested in connection with the raid last summer on the alleged gambling establishments at Long Branch were arraigned before Supreme Court Justice J. Franklin Fort to-day for sentence.

Ernest Witte, of the Casino, and R. Graham Woodward, of the Hollywood Hotel, will stand trial, and their cases went over.

The other men who were indicted by the Grand Jury pleaded non vult to the charge of keeping disorderly houses. Justice Fort imposed a fine on each.

In each case the court announced that if the accused were again found guilty of similar practices a sentence of imprisonment would be imposed.

Those Who Were Fined. The fines imposed were as follows: Col. William J. James, David Johnson and Samuel Emery, of the New York Club, \$2,000 each; Phil Daily, Jr., of the Pennsylvania Club, \$1,000; William H. Halliwell, keeper of the restaurant at the Pennsylvania Club, \$500, and Ashley and Johnson, employees of the Pennsylvania Club, \$1 each.

The Grand Jury, before coming into court, sent to Justice Fort resolutions asking that clemency be shown the ac-

cused men. The Grand Jury called attention to the fact that gambling had been going on at Long Branch for twenty years and that this state of affairs had apparently existed with the tacit consent of the local authorities. On this ground the jury asked for clemency.

Phil Daily, Jr., escaped with a lighter fine than some of the others, because the Pennsylvania Club was raided a large number of valuable paraphernalia was seized, so that he was already a heavy loser.

Halliwell Badly Scored. In sentencing Halliwell the Justice administered a scathing rebuke. He said that Halliwell had been guilty of perjury inasmuch as he had placed upon the court records a promise not to allow gambling on the premises if allowed a license for a restaurant.

Justice Fort was very severe upon the local authorities of Long Branch. He said they could have prevented gambling if they had chosen. He said that imposing the sentences he said it would be a much more pleasant duty if they were about to pronounce sentence upon those who had been guilty of misconduct in office. He said that gambling had been carried on at Long Branch with the acquiescence, if not the approval, of those who had sworn to uphold the law.

The Grand Jury was discharged from further services.

WELL, WELL, GAMBLING
IN NEW YORK HOW SILLY!

"What an extremely old story!" said Police Commissioner Partridge to-day when asked his opinion of the published statement that the town was wide open to gambling, and more so than under Tammany rule.

The direct charge was made, with apparently strong substantiation, that a new gambling combination, aided by a police inspector and a police official, was guaranteeing protection to gamblers. One of these, the inspector, is described as an officer outside of Manhattan Borough, who spent his nights in the Tenderloin in consultation with the heads of the gambling syndicate.

Gambling Here? The Idea! "That's hardly a new story," said the Commissioner. "I really couldn't be expected to believe anything like that about any of my inspectors. Beside, what proofs do you bring forward?"

"Now it is said there are forty new gambling houses opened here since the Saratoga races. Why don't the papers print the list if they know so much? Don't want to advertise them? Well, let them bring the list to me privately."

"No, I really don't intend paying any attention to this latest broadside against the department."

"Do you believe that when Inspector Harley went into the Tenderloin the other night runners went out from the Tenderloin station to tip off the gamblers?"

"I certainly do not. You can say anything there is nothing in the report."

that I intend transferring Capt. Sheehan or Capt. O'Reilly."

Official cognizance of the fact that gambling probably exists in New York. "Certainly. That is police business and will always be looked into."

Of Course There Is Gambling. Police Commissioner Partridge, who goes to bed early every night and sleeps all day Sunday, cannot be expected to know that there is gambling in New York, but it may interest him to know that in the district bordered by Twenty-eighth and Forty-ninth streets, Fifth and Sixth avenues, there were no fewer than thirty-six gambling-houses in active operation the first week in August.

Every policeman in the Tenderloin knows it, every sergeant knows it, every captain knows it. The Commissioner may wake up after a while.

BURGULARS TOOK A BATH. Then They Changed Their Clothes and Nearly Obtained a Heel.

A series of petty burglaries in the outlying sections of Bronx Borough during the past week has caused the residents in that vicinity considerable alarm.

The lawbreakers found all the comforts of home in Henry Lucia's house on Ferry avenue, Bedford Park. They stripped themselves of their threadbare suits of clothing and underwear, and after luxuriating in the porcelain bathtub, they changed into brand-new suits hanging in the wardrobe and departed. Valuable silverware disappeared.

At the home of William Newton, around the corner, the intruders regaled themselves with eggs, polo and coffee and scamped off with some of the plate.

Two other houses were visited by the thieves. At each place they obtained jewelry. The houses were shut for the summer.

EXPLOSION LED
TO WILD PANIC.

Occupants of Crowded Business Building Scramble for Lives After Fire Starts.

THE VICINITY SHAKEN UP.

Ambulances Summoned to the Scene—Policemen Prevent Women and Men from Jumping to the Street.

Lives are supposed to have been lost in a tremendous explosion of naphtha and a resulting fire in the basement of the seven-story office and factory building at the southwest corner of Wooster and Bleeker streets to-day.

The flames followed the explosion so quickly that there was no chance for those who were in the basement to escape.

The explosion occurred in the store of W. H. Crookston & Bro., dealers in paints, oils and varnishes, who occupy the entire basement.

On the ground floor is the store of B. Waldman, manufacturer of cloaks and suits. A little cigar store and a barber shop occupy a store in the corner of the ground floor, separated from the clothing concern by a thin partition.

Neighborhood Is Crowded. On the upper floors are many small factories employing scores of women and men, and the neighborhood is crowded with similar concerns.

The explosion shook every building in the block, broke all the windows in the lower floors of the building in which it happened, and tore up the sidewalk on the Worcester street side.

Within a few seconds flames were spouting out of the broken sidewalk twelve feet in the air, and a pall of smoke hung over the scene.

The women employed in the factories ran to the windows, and from what they saw concluded that there was no escape for them unless they got out in a hurry.

Some of them tried to jump, but cooler counsel prevailed and all the women in the building got down in safety by way of the fire escapes.

Hurt by Flying Glass. Joseph Credo, a barber, was cut by flying glass while endeavoring to get out of the building. Joseph Devite, an employee of the paint store, who was working on the sidewalk, was also injured. They were treated by two ambulance surgeons who had been called to the blaze.

Three alarms were turned in and the neighborhood was full of fire apparatus, causing great confusion, the streets being already almost impassable because of the number of trucks. Inspector Harley went over from Headquarters and took charge of the police arrangements.

It was impossible to learn how much material of an explosive nature was stored in the basement, and the firemen worked in continual fear that there might be a second explosion.

The blaze feeding up on the inflammable points in the basement was particularly stubborn, although it was confined to the building.

Policeman Kelly on the Spot. Policeman Kelly, of the Mercer street station, was standing on the corner when the explosion occurred. He was hustled into the building, and it was due largely to him that none of the women jumped to the street. He carried an old man down to the street from the fourth floor.

"All the women wanted to be carried out, too," says Kelly.

The elevator boy in the building was so frightened at the explosion that he let his car drop five stories, but he escaped injury.

Alfred Jesisto, the barber in the building, was honing a razor at the time of the explosion. He was blown across the shop, but was not badly hurt.

T. W. Mulford, a telephone lineman who was at work in the cigar store, was struck by broken glass and slightly hurt.

Across the street from the fire is Public School No. 125, which opened to-day for the season with 1,100 scholars. The explosion frightened the little ones, but Principal Cronson ordered a fire drill and marched his little charges out in safety. One little girl got hysterical, but her example was not contagious.

RACE-GOERS. ATTENTION!! For the latest, brightest and most valuable news concerning the races that are to be run each day read the early editions of The Evening World.

BROOKLYN WINS

ST. LOUIS 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1-1
BROOKLYN 4 0 0 0 1 1 0 0-6

OTHER NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES.

At Boston—Chicago, 1; Boston, 2.
At Philadelphia—Second Game—Cincinnati, 7; Phila., 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE GAMES.

At Detroit—St. Louis, 8; Detroit, 4.
At Cleveland—End of seventh: Phila., 5; Cleveland, 3.

LATE RESULTS AT HARLEM.

Fifth Race—Rose Tree 1, Jiminez 2, Scarlet Lily 3.
Sixth Race—Vestry 1, Hattie Walker 2, Serge 3.

AT BUFFALO.

Fifth Race—Bill Massie 1, Dubious 2, Jessie Jarboe 3.
Sixth Race—McWilliams 1, Bounteous 2, Loone 3.

JEROME FILES CHARGES AGAINST CREEDON.

District-Attorney Jerome and Assistant District-Attorney Morgan visited Police Headquarters this afternoon and personally charged against Capt. T. J. Creedon and his wardman, John H. Downes, of the East Eighty-eighth street station.

There are four specifications against Condon and five against Downes. All grew out of the raid last week on the Reilly Association at No. 314 East Eighty-first street. Commissioner Partridge received the charges and will later name a date for the trial of Capt. Creedon and Downes.

NEW ATTORNEY IN PLACE OF ATTORNEY LAMB.

ANTON, Sept. 8.—By order of Judge Kirkpatrick, of the State's District Court, A. Gordon Murray was to-day substituted as attorney of record for George A. Lamb, of No. 133 Broadway, New York. Mr. Lamb had filed papers for the Kentucky National Bank, of Louisville, in the bankruptcy case of Francis Carley. The bank filed a petition praying for the substitution, to which Lamb consented.

CUP CHALLENGE
IN TWO WEEKS.

Sir Thomas Lipton Says He Will Mail It in that Time.

ROTHESAY, Scotland, Sept. 8.—In an interview he to-day with a representative of the Associated Press Sir Thomas Lipton informed the latter that he would mail a formal challenge for the America's cup to the New York Yacht Club within two or possibly three weeks.

MOROS ATTACK AMERICANS;
ONE KILLED, THREE WOUNDED.

Gen. Chaffee Orders Troops Into Hostile Country to Enforce Good Behavior.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The War Department has received a cable despatch from Gen. Chaffee dated Manila, Sept. 6, stating that an attack was made on the United States troops at Metling Falls, seven miles from Camp Vicars, by Moros Sept. 1.

First Lieutenant William M. Parker, Eleventh Infantry, and two soldiers were wounded and one soldier killed. Gen. Chaffee also says: "Have authorized Brig-Gen. Samuel S. Sumner to move troops into Maciu country and exact promise of good behavior in future. At the same time it has long been the belief of officials of the Department that an aggressive campaign against the Moros is inevitable, and it would not be surprising if there should be a forward movement of the United States troops in a short time."

all the time quiet, seeking friendship; in action, self-defense only." The last part of Gen. Chaffee's despatch evidently is intended to inform the War Department that the army has been acting wholly upon the defensive in the Moro country. His instructions have been to do nothing which would provoke a conflict with the Moros, and the position of the War Department is possible. At the same time it has long been the belief of officials of the Department that an aggressive campaign against the Moros is inevitable, and it would not be surprising if there should be a forward movement of the United States troops in a short time.

THE FINN-OUTING. Park, Barrow, N. J., on Sunday, Sept. 14. The feature of the games will be a baseball contest between the "Downtown Finns" and the "Uptown Finns." The games will be under the direction of Ralph Knickerbocker, K. A. C. and William Brittain, New Caledonian A. C. Handsome prizes will be awarded to the winner of each event.

CLARION WINS
THE SAPPHIRE.

Col. Bill Takes Ocean Stakes—Favorites Finish in Ruck at Sheepshead.

THE RIVAL TAKES LAST.

Old Sadducee at 8 to 1, Capt. tivolet at 10 to 1 and Fonsoloca at 16 to 5 the Other Winners.

THE WINNERS.

FIRST RACE—Captivolet 1, Dainty 2, Interval 3.
SECOND RACE—Sadducee 1, Unmasked 2, Rockwater 3.
THIRD RACE—Clarion 1, Merry Acrobat 2, Love Note 3.
FOURTH RACE—Col. Bill 1, Oom Paul 2, Herbert 3.
FIFTH RACE—Fonsoloca 1, Mary Worth 2, Hot 3.
SIXTH RACE—The Rival 1, Francisco 2, Zoraster 3.

(Special to The Evening World.) SHEEPSHEAD BAY RACE TRACK, Sept. 8.—The closing week of the Sheepshead meeting began this afternoon with a card that was a mixture of good and bad.

Some of the races were very cheap, but this always to be expected at the tail end of a meeting where races are made to give non-winners a chance to connect with the long end of a purse. The good parts of the card were the Sapphire Stakes, for two-year-olds, and the Ocean Handicap at a mile. The latter race was one of the very best hand races of the season and promised a grand contest. The Sapphire Stakes looked an easy thing for August Belmont's Lord of the Vale, but his withdrawal made it an open race and much more interesting.

There were quite a number of scratches out of the various events except the two-year-old dash, first on the card, which furnished the largest field of the afternoon.

The track was in superb shape, a cool breeze blew from the south and all conditions were favorable to good sport. The attendance was excellent, especially for Monday which is usually the poorest day of the week, financially, for the racing association.

Joseph J. Burke placed the horses as they finished to-day. Judge McDowell is ill, and the assistant judge, Mr. Pettigill, is engaged in starting the horses.

FIRST RACE. Selling; for maiden fillies and geldings; two-year-olds; five and a half furlongs. Starting: white, jockeys. St. Hill Fin. Str. Place. Captivolet, 191, Rose, 4 1 1 10 6 6 Dainty, 109, Landry, 12 1 4 2 15 6 Interval, 100. Betting: 10 to 1 on Captivolet, 5 to 1 on Dainty, 2 to 1 on Interval. Mr. Prescott, 99, O'Connor, 6 2 4 4 15 6 Wither, 99, Cochran, 11 6 5 15 6 6 Interval, 99, Bremer, 8 6 15 15 6 6 Pair Lass, 99, J. Martin, 9 5 7 7 3 4-6 Paramount, 106, Wondert, 7 7 9 15 3 3 Merry Royal, 99, Redfern, 2 9 9 15 3 3 Dr. Hayward, 99, Dyer, 10 10 10 40 15 15 Interval, 99, Henderson, 11 11 11 11 11 11 Healing Salve, 99, Michael, 5 12 12 5 3 3 Interval, 99, Henderson, 14 13 13 13 20 20 G. W. G. 101, Gannon, 16 14 14 15 60 60 S. A. Wagner, 119, Doggett, 16 15 15 200 80 80 Interval, 99, Miller, 17 17 17 200 80 80 Interval, 99, Bremer, 18 18 18 200 80 80 Poole, 104, McNeil, 20 19 18 40 15 15 Interval, 99, Johnson, 18 18 18 18 20 20 G. N. Elizabeth, 104, Fisher, 13 13 13 100 40 40 Three riders.

Start fair. Won easily. Time—1:07. Captivolet raced to the front in the first furlong, made all the running and won as he pleased by four lengths, showing a remarkable improvement over his previous form. Sir Preston, Interval and Dainty raced in close order to the stretch, where Dainty drew away and secured the place by two lengths from Interval.

SECOND RACE. For three-year-olds and up; six furlongs. Starting: white, jockeys. St. Hill Fin. Str. Place. Sadducee, 120, Turner, 4 2 1 15 5-6 Unmasked, 106, Spencer, 2 2 1 15 5-6 Rockwater, 118, Oom, 7 6 3 15 5-6 Interval, 116, Redfern, 3 2 4 15 5-6 Jack Rattin, 116, Landry, 6 4 3 15 5-6 De Recker, 111, Martin, 1 1 1 15 5-6 Interval, 99, Bremer, 1 1 1 15 5-6 Pensele, 118, Michael, 9 8 8 25 10 10 Interval, 99, Johnson, 9 9 9 200 100 100 Belvino, 123, McCue, 10 10 10 15 6 6 "Coupled."

Start poor. Won driving. Time—1:13-1/5. Unmasked jumped away in front and made the running to the stretch, followed by Sadducee, Mabel Winn and Jack Rattin. The latter three runners moved up followed by Rockwater, and both set sail for the leaders as soon as they turned into the stretch. In the run home, Sadducee went to the front and won in a hard drive by half a length from Unmasked, who beat Rockwater the same distance by the place.

THIRD RACE. The Sapphire, for two-year-olds; five and a half furlongs. Starting: white, jockeys. St. Hill Fin. Str. Place. Clarion, 108, O'Connor, 4 6 1 15 6-1 Merry Acrobat, 108, L. Smith, 5 2 1 15 5-1 Interval, 106, Redfern, 2 2 1 15 5-1 S. A. Wagner, 119, Doggett, 16 15 15 200 80 80 Interval, 99, Miller, 17 17 17 200 80 80 Interval, 99, Bremer, 18 18 18 200 80 80 Poole, 104, McNeil, 20 19 18 40 15 15 Interval, 99, Johnson, 18 18 18 18 20 20 G. N. Elizabeth, 104, Fisher, 13 13 13 100 40 40 Three riders.

Love Note cut out the running, followed in close order by Merry Acrobat, Soloto and Incubator. When they hit the bend O'Connor brought up Clarion with a rush and joined the leaders. A red hot drive followed, Clarion winning by a neck.

New Yorkers Win First Half of "Double Header Because Iron Man McGinnity Has Pittsburghs at His Mercy—In Second Game McGraw's Men Line Out Five Runs in First Two Innings.

SCORE FIRST GAME.

Pittsburgh 0 0 0 0 1 0 0-1
New York 0 0 0 0 1 2 0 x-3

SCORE—SECOND GAME.

Pittsburgh 0 0 0 0 0 4 0-4
New York 3 2 0 0 0 0 2 0-7

(Special to The Evening World.)

POLO GROUNDS, Sept. 8.—The Giants and Pittsburgh champions played a double-header this afternoon. The first game was the playing off of a tie which resulted during the Pirates' first visit to this city in June. The early game was attended by very few spectators. The awful showing of the Giants on Saturday did a great deal toward dampening enthusiasm.

Joe McGinnity, the most successful of all pitchers against the champions, was McGraw's choice for the first game. Only once during his career as a pitcher has Joe suffered defeat at the hands of the sluggers from the Smoky City, and his good form to-day caused those present to believe that another victory would be scored by him.

That hard luck is following the Giants is evident by the events of to-day. Roger Bresnahan had to play against his wishes, and had to take Dan McGinnity's place at first base. The regular game at Hoboken yesterday, and it may be two or three days before he can resume his position.

Fred Clarke, the Pirates' captain,

The Batting Order.

New York. Pittsburgh.
Browne, 1f. Beaumont, cf.
McGraw, ss. Schilling, 1f.
Bresnahan, 1b. Leach, 3b.
Brodie, cf. Wagner, 1b.
Bowerman, c. Burke, cf.
Lauder, 2b. Smith, 2b.
Smith, 2b. Conroy, ss.
Dunn, rf. H. Smith, c.
Cronin, p. Lever, p.
Umpire—Latham and Irwin.
Umpire—O'Day.

started on a tour for players this morning, and was not in the game. Schilling, the young recruit from the Rochester Club, played his first game for the champions, going into right field, while Jim Burke took up the left field job.

Giants Win First Game. New York won the first game from Pittsburgh because the champions retained their old trouble—inability to hit Joe McGinnity. The "Iron Man" had Joe champions at his mercy at all stages of the game.

The presence of Bresnahan in the game seemed to inspire the Giants with new confidence, and the way he played first base in the absence of Dan McGinnity, who was injured in yesterday's exhibition game at Hoboken, showed what a versatile chap he is. He had eighteen chances and accepted them all as well as making a couple of remarkable catches of foul flies.

The Giants batted well, too, and carried all of their runs. The first was made on a single by Laudier, a stolen base and a single by Smith. In the seventh inning Dunn singled, McGinnity sacrificed and Browne's tie three-base.

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EXPOSES HUGE
BRIBE COMBINE.

Murrell's Confession Leads to Warrants for Members of House of Delegates.

(Special to The Evening World.) ST. LOUIS, Sept. 8.—Warrants were issued to-day by Circuit Attorney Folk against eighteen former and present members of the House of Delegates of this city.

All eighteen are charged with bribery in connection with the Suburban and other bills, and fifteen of the eighteen are charged with perjury because of testimony given by them before the Grand Jury.

These warrants are issued on the confession of J. K. Murrell, who is now in St. Louis in the custody of the Circuit Attorney. Murrell was brought from Mexico to St. Louis by the Post-Dispatch.

It is charged that the men for whom warrants are out composed a "combine" in the House of Delegates at the time the Suburban Railway and other boodle bills were passed.

The men for whom warrants are issued are Ed E. Murrell, John H. Schnettler, Charles F. Kelly, T. E. Albright, George F. Robertson, Louis Decker, John Helms, Charles A. Gutke, Adolph Madera, H. A. Faulkner, Julius Lehmann, Edmund Bensch, Otto Schumacher, John A. Sheridan, Charles J. Denny, William Hartman, J. J. Hannigan and Emil Hartman.

Murrell, who negotiated with the Suburban Railway representatives for the \$15,000 that was to be paid to members of the House combine for their votes, has made a full confession to Circuit Attorney Folk.

That confession names the men who composed the house combine. It states that the combine was an association of house members formed for the purpose of getting money for votes in favor of measures presented to the assembly.

It sets forth that the meetings of the combine were often held in a room off the house chamber, and details business proceedings of the combine.

The confession is startling in its revelation of the thorough business organization of this association formed to buy the measure of magnitude was presented to the assembly, the combine would hold a meeting and decide by ballot the amount of money to be demanded for its passage.

Upon both of these matters Gov. Odell is opposed to the wishes of Senator Platt. It is the intention of the Republican leaders to give the convention a "reform" status, and Gov. Odell contends the election of Lemuel E. Quigg as temporary chairman will offend the reform element to which the convention will play.

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Senator Platt After a Conference with Executive Announces Name of Nominee.

Charles N. Sheldon will be Senator Platt's candidate for the nomination for Lieutenant-Governor before the Saratoga convention. The Senator announced this to-day for the first time, thus corroborating the report published in The Evening World last week.

Mr. Sheldon is absolutely unknown among the Republican politicians. When he walked into the committee room of Col. Reuben Fox, Secretary of the State Committee, he was permitted to stand around without being spoken to for ten or fifteen minutes. He is a typical banker in appearance, tall, well dressed and very dignified. When he was recognized he was most effusively greeted by the assembled politicians.

"The organization will be for Mr. Sheldon," declared Senator Platt after his conference to-day with Gov. Odell, which lasted two hours. "I think he will be nominated and elected. No definite candidate has been agreed upon for Secretary of State or Temporary Chairman."

Gov. Odell had met Mr. Sheldon at the Union League Club before seeing Senator Platt and at that time Mr. Sheldon had said that whether or not he would accept the nomination.

Clash of Leaders. Gov. Odell believes the trust question has reached such a stage that the Republican convention at Saratoga should make some mention of it in the platform, but in this he is being opposed by Senator Platt, who refuses to believe it is an issue.

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Up-State leaders began gathering